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YANKS BEAT BACK NAZIS 3 MILES *Take Towns on Foe's Flanks*

PARIS, Dec. 28 (UP).—Taking the initiative at least temporarily, American forces have trapped and largely wiped out thousands of Germans in a three-mile advance from the western end of the Belgian bulge while Yanks of Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army on the south flank have smashed back to the German border, it was disclosed tonight. These important counter-victories were matched on the north flank where the Americans also went over to the attack and recaptured the road junction of Grandmenil, 14 miles southwest of Stavelot and pivot of enemy thrusts toward Liege. It fell after a violent two-day battle.



The Tango of Death: Only the imagination of madmen could have contrived the atrocity in which prisoners are forced to play their own death song. Recent Soviet dispatches told the macabre story of a musical composition called the "Tango of Death" played in the Lvov, Poland, camp where 700,000 were killed and tortured by Nazis. The above photo, which is from captured German films, shows a scene in which the camp orchestra plays this special composition before its own members, the musicians were sent to their death.

As of noon Wednesday, the hour covered in the Supreme Headquarters summary, the enemy's own offensive effort was nowhere greater than a series of fitful jabs and American attacks were spreading all around the perimeter of the bulge.

The Yanks have also recaptured the Luxembourg border town of Echternach, 18 miles northeast of Luxem-

BULLETIN

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Paris, Dec. 28 (UP).—American forces captured 1,000 prisoners and a large haul of booty in cutting up surrounded Germans between Celles and Rochefort, it was announced tonight.

bourg City, front dispatches announced only a few hours after headquarters revealed for the first time that it had fallen to the Germans earlier in their drive.

Thus, 13 days after von Rundstedt struck boldly westward with three armies of 20 divisions totaling between 200,000 and 250,000 men, the offensive appeared contained, for the moment at least, east of the Meuse and Allied armies were driving into position to deliver damaging blows to the exposed attack spearheads.

U. S. AIR ATTACKS

Five days of strong air assaults had prevented the Germans from building up their spearheads near the Meuse in the Celles sector and these forces were weary and short on food and gasoline when the American counter-attack hit them.

Moving southeast from Celles, the Yanks drove three miles to Verre and in conjunction with another force coming up from the southwest closed a trap around large groups of tanks, half-tracks, self-propelled guns and motorized infantry.

Other Americans were working on a second over-extended German spearhead to the north and had battled into the town of Humain, four miles southwest of Marche and nine miles southeast of Ciney, highwater mark of the enemy drive in that sector.

Farther south, panzer spearheads which had captured St. Hubert and filtered westward to within three miles of the northernmost finger of France also were being dealt with and the danger in that sector had eased with the brilliant drive to the relief of Bastogne, road funnel for the St. Hubert area.

PATTON'S ARMY

Official front dispatches disclosing that Patton's Third Army was in action on the southern flank confirmed a German report of a week ago.

Wednesday, Patton's troops closed up to the Sure River on a seven-mile front northwest of Echternach

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People Back FDR, Not Avery

An
Editorial

ONCE MORE the government has had to seize Montgomery Ward properties to force defiant Sewell Avery to obey the law. It was the only course possible, and all Americans, employers and labor alike, should back the President.

As in the previous dispute, when his Chicago plant had to be seized, Avery is falsely claiming that the issue is the "closed shop." The previous experience with Avery has been an education for millions, and it is doubtful if his expensive publicity machinery will confuse many Americans now.

The issue is Avery's substandard wages and the right to organize. The bulk of America's business leaders today take collective bargaining to be a right no longer subject to dispute. Few among them will justify Avery's wages.

The maintenance of membership provision that the WLB ordered for the Ward contract is not a "closed shop." Millions working under such contracts know of the procedure that gives them a right to join or not to join or

to quit the union. They will recognize in Avery's false claim only the old cry of an open shopper.

We have repeatedly declared our unalterable opposition to any violations of the no-strike pledge under any circumstances. Events have justified our position. Unfortunately certain liberals and even certain elements within the CIO have been busy devising formulas to justify strikes. They claimed basic industry was not affected when Ward stores were struck but, the Detroit walkout swiftly became an issue among hundreds of thousands of workers in basic arms plants.

In his seizure order, the President cited the threat to arms output, and Avery's continual effort to disrupt harmonious labor relations which are so essential to effective prosecution of the war. Mr. Roosevelt was given wartime powers to act with dispatch when the interest of the nation is assailed from any quarter. The powers he invoked demand that both employers and labor live up to wartime laws and procedure.

Not many employers have the viciousness of an Avery, but others will undoubtedly follow in his defiant footsteps. We submit that far more effective action than a strike could have been taken in Detroit to force a show-down. A demonstration of tens of thousands on Cadillac Square or a huge parade past Avery's stores or his very home, or a large and impressive delegation to the War Labor Board, or other such means that dramatize the situation before the country's millions, would be both constructive and effective.

Many of our unions have yet to learn the value of an active campaign to win the people of a community and expose the likes of an Avery. Often sight is lost of the fact that by developing such a popular campaign a union strengthens itself with the community and strengthens the government's hand against violators of the law. This seems especially appropriate where the violator is a company that seeks to maintain the good will of millions of customers.

Army Seizes Ward Units in 7 Cities

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 (UP). — The War Department, acting on orders of President Roosevelt, today notified Montgomery Ward & Co. that it was taking over plants in seven cities, but Sewell Avery, board chairman, tonight flatly defied the government seizure and refused to give up management of the mail order concern.

The government completed occupation of the Chicago plant in 30 minutes, soldiers posting placards proclaiming the facilities of the firm were the property of the U.S. Government. Government seizure, ordered by the President at 10:50 a. m., was equally swift in other Ward properties in Detroit, Jamaica, N. Y., St. Paul, Minn., Denver, San Rafael, Cal., and Portland, Ore.

Mr. Roosevelt, in a statement on the seizure, said the confidence of employers and workers in the nation's entire structure for settling labor disputes was threatened "by the consistent and wilful defiance of its decisions by the head of one of the greatest corporations of this country—Sewell Avery."

Avery, following a conference this afternoon with Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Byron and other Army officers, asserted that Ward's "cannot in good citizenship accept or obey the commands."

ASK COURT ORDER

Shortly after the seizure, Government attorney filed petition in Federal Court seeking to restrain company officials from interfering.

Assistant Attorney General Hugh Cox said he and company attorneys had agreed the present dispute should be made a test of the Smith-Connally Act.

Members of Local 20 of the United Wholesale, Retail union lifted their picket lines shortly after the Government took over. Only visible evidence of the seizure was the presence of two Army officers in the lobby.

Pickets at four other strike-bound Ward plants in Detroit hailed the seizure with cheers.

Six army officers took possession of the company's retail store at Denver at 8:50 a. m. With the exception of the presence of army officers and the posting of Government notices there was no indication that the store was under new management.

Rumor Ward Board Will Fire Avery

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Federated Press learned from a confidential source here today that Sewell Avery, chairman of Montgomery Ward & Co., is on his way out of office — this time by direction of Ward's board of directors.

It was said that the Ward board wanted U. S. authorities to mention a suitable successor, but the Government remained aloof and insisted that the internal operation of the corporation was the Board's business.

Although no date was set for the formal action removing Avery, FP's source said it would be "soon."

tion that the store was under new management.

A similar situation existed at the firm's St. Paul and Portland, Ore., plants.

Roy Scoggins, Michigan director for the union, ordered picket lines disbanded, and said arrangements for the return of Detroit area strikers to their jobs were being worked out at a conference of Army, management and union representatives.

The Company's Kansas City plant strike bound for two days, was not included in the executive order.

The executive order said that employees were to carry on with their normal duties.

"The terms and conditions of your employment will remain unchanged," this order said, "except that we are putting into effect immediately the provisions of the directive orders of the National War Labor Board."

City's Meat Supply 'Substantially Better'

By HARRY RAYMOND

The War Food Administration and Department of Markets reported improvement in civilian meat supply yesterday.

Chester A. Halman, city representative of the WFA, said "trading was back to normal in at least one of the largest wholesale meat centers." The center was identified as the 14th St. market.

Earlier, Markets Commissioner Henry Brundage conferred on the situation with Mayor LaGuardia and leading members of the meat trade. He said the supply was "substantially improved" and added:

"Current receipts of eight large wholesalers alone guarantee over 12,000,000 pounds in the next week, out of a normal consumption of about 20,000,000 pounds. In addition to these wholesalers, independent slaughterers and other wholesalers are bringing in substantial quantities, in some cases more than their normal supplies."

The comparatively light supply of meat in the first two days after Christmas was to a great extent the result of the holiday week-end, Brundage explained. He said shippers, transportation, slaughterers and wholesalers "are back to normal again."

Mayor LaGuardia however, warned people to keep in mind that



Members of the U. S. First Army, Cpl. Hanauer, left, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Cpl. Gary Hauptman, Bronx, N. Y., inspect a Nazi paratroop equipment container dropped near Kornelimunster, Germany. The wheeled container holds grenades, ammunition and bazooka shells.

Avery Provoked Seizure--Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The text of President Roosevelt's statement explaining his action in ordering seizure today of Montgomery Ward facilities in seven cities:

We are today at a crucial point in the war. Great battles which will determine the fate of the world are raging in Europe and in the Pacific. The tempo and the fury of the conflict are mounting.

Our commanders in the field are demanding weapons in increasing quantities so that they may hit the enemy harder and harder. The supreme effort of all of us here at home is imperative if we are to give them what they need. Nothing less will suffice. The government of the United States cannot and will not tolerate any interference with war production in this critical hour.

ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES

Nearly three years ago we set up wartime labor relations machinery to insure that our troops and our Allies would get essential supplies without interruptions caused by industrial disputes. This machinery, embodied in the National War Labor Board, has had the support of all responsible elements in American management and American labor. It has been a vital element in the attainment of our unparalleled record of war production.

Now the confidence which employers and workers rightly place in this structure for the impartial adjudication of disputes is being threatened by consistent and wilful defiance of its decisions by the head of one of the great corporations of this country—Sewell Avery, chairman of the board of Montgomery Ward & Co.

EVERY'S ROLE

This company, under Mr. Avery's leadership, has waged a bitter fight against the bona fide unions of its employees throughout the war, in reckless disregard of the government's efforts to maintain harmony between management and labor. Its record of labor relations has been a record of continuous trouble.

Twice the government has had to seize properties of Montgomery Ward as a result of Mr. Avery's defiant attitude, once in Chicago and once in Springfield, Ill., where the Hummer Manufacturing Co., a Montgomery Ward division, has been operated by the War Department since last May.

For more than a year the company has refused to accept decisions involving workers in ten of its retail stores. Four of these stores are in the Detroit area, the very heart of war production from the viewpoint of urgency. A strike is in

progress in these four stores and strikes are threatened in other cities where the company's stores are located.

There is a distinct threat that workers in some of our most critical war plants may join the strike in support of the Montgomery Ward employees if the government fails to act. We are not going to let this happen.

WARTIME STRIKES

Strikes in wartime cannot be condoned, whether they are strikes by workers against their employers or strikes by employers against their government. All of our energies are engrossed in fighting a war on the military battlefronts. We have none to spare for a war on the industrial battlefronts. It is up to us to uphold and strengthen our machinery for settling disputes without interruptions of production. We cannot do this in a total war if we permit defiance to go unchallenged.

The findings submitted to me by the War Labor Board were unanimously adopted by the board including the representatives of industry.

We cannot allow Montgomery Ward & Co. to set aside the wartime policies of the United States Government just because Mr. Sewell Avery does not approve of the government's procedure for handling labor disputes. Montgomery Ward & Co., like every other corporation and every labor union in this country, has a responsibility to our fighting men.

That responsibility is to see that nothing interferes with the continuity of our war production. It is because Montgomery Ward & Co. has failed to assume this obligation that I have been forced to sign an executive order directing the Secretary of War to take over and operate certain properties of Montgomery Ward & Co.

Von Kluge Kills Self

By United Press

The death by suicide of Nazi Field Marshal Guenther von Kluge as a result of the disastrous outcome of the Normandy battle has been confirmed by an order of the day from the German High Command, the BBC reported Thursday.

BBC said the Order of the Day, dated Aug. 31, 1944 and signed by Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, head of the German High Command, said:

"As a result of the crushing responsibility for the outcome of the Normandy battle, Kluge handed over his Supreme Command and committed suicide."

Seize 12 Budapest Suburbs

Churchill Will Uphold Regency

ATHENS, Dec. 28 (UP).—Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, of Great Britain have left Athens, echoing with the gunfire of civil war, for London where they will recommend personally to King George of Greece that he accept a regency as a preliminary step to solving the problems of the strife-torn country. It was announced today.

Before they left, Damaskinos, Archbishop of Athens and Greece, who presided over a two-day conference of Greek leaders summoned at Churchill's request Tuesday, told them the conferees wanted a regency set up immediately as an "essential prelude to the solution of many other problems before the conference," according to a communiqué from British Ambassador Reginald Leeper.

It was believed the direct action was designed to overcome the king's reported coolness toward a regency. A regency would replace the government of Premier George Papandreou, which is opposed by the Greek ELAS, armed forces of the National Liberation Front.

ELAS delegates to the conference reportedly favored establishing a regency immediately. Royalists, who walked out in the middle of Wednesday's conference session, reportedly were the small minority opposing a regency.

EAM TERMS

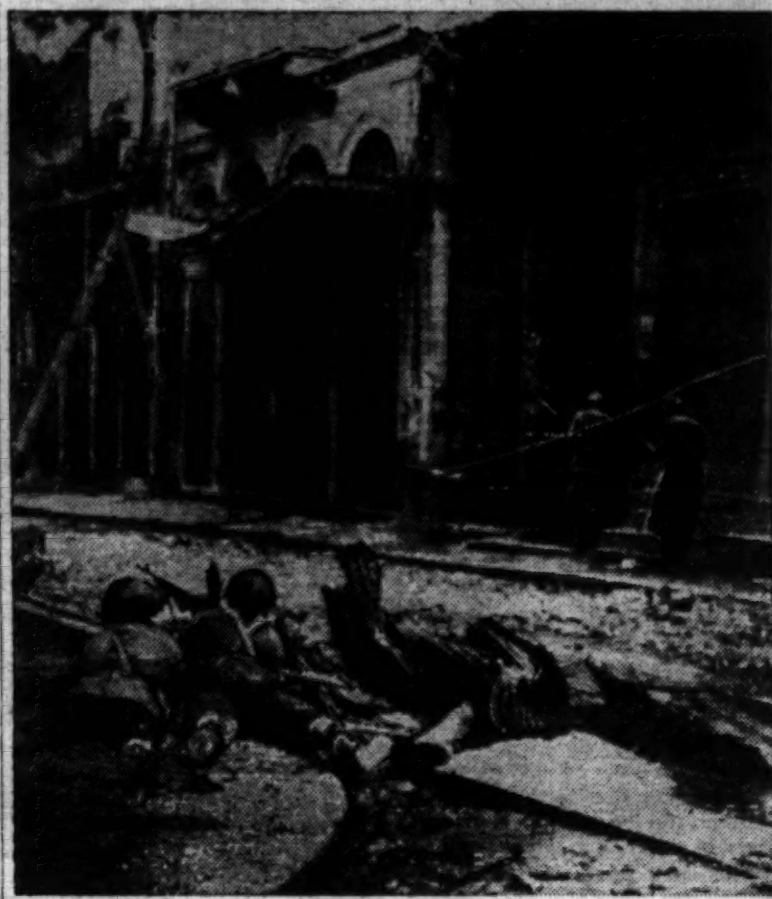
Damaskinos announced he had asked Greek political leaders who attended the conference to submit written views on terms presented Wednesday by the EAM delegates. These included, in addition to political terms, a proposal that the new Greek national guard, which is being mobilized by the Papandreou government, be disbanded as well as all guerrilla forces.

Even as departure of Churchill and Eden was announced, heavy fighting raged in and around Athens. British troops, tanks, guns and planes were thrown against ELAS forces.

Beaefighters strafed targets in eastern Athens during the late morning, and the British reported they had cleaned up the Iron district northwest of the Acropolis, and captured two ELAS-held factories in Piraeus.

A British armored tank force stalled 16 miles south of the city to capture 150 ELAS troops, and another 170 were taken in heavy fighting south of Omonia Square. The reports of 75-mm field guns and tank artillery shook the northern part of the city.

In northwestern Greece, ELAS troops were continuing to drive back the troops of the right-wing Greek EDES under Gen. Napoleon Zervas.



Intensity of continued fighting in Greece is illustrated above by an Athens street scene. Lying prone on the wrecked pavement, British paratroopers battle with ELAS snipers. Greek political leaders have agreed on the establishment of a regency.

Weighted Poll in Dewey's Favor, Dr. Gallup Admits to Hearing

By ADAM LAPIN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. — Rep. Clinton Anderson (D-NM), chairman of the House Campaign Expenditures Committee, suggested with a grin today the need for a "Pure Food Law" to govern public opinion polls such as the law which requires manufacturers of tomato ketchup to identify artificial coloring.

A three-hour committee hearing this morning made it clear that there was plenty of "artificial coloring" in the famed Gallup Polls prediction on the last national elections.

Something new was added to the figures gathered by Gallup Poll bellpushers — in almost every case the use of so-called judgment and psychological factors to weight the results in favor of GOP candidate Thomas E. Dewey.

Dr. George Gallup, director of the poll, told the committee under questioning that a "pinpoint survey" of New York showed President would carry the state by 52.5 per cent, an almost perfect estimate of what actually happened.

HAD "NO CONFIDENCE"

But Dr. Gallup admitted that he discarded this survey, subtracted four percent from the President's total and came up instead with a thoroughly inaccurate figure of 48.4 percent. He said that he didn't have "confidence" in one of the men who conducted the New York survey.

He offered a different explanation for his action in subtracting two percent from the President's 53 percent total in the national polls

shown by all his reports from the field.

Instead of using the 53 to 47 per cent figure lead for the President indicated by his own figures, Dr. Gallup throughout the campaign put out figures showing a close 51 to 49 percent race.

Dr. Gallup said that he anticipated a light vote of less than 40,000,000, and therefore subtracted from the President's total two percent to give GOP candidate Tom Dewey the advantage of this factor.

But Dr. Gallup never got around to correcting this error even after he became convinced from the registration figures and conversation with C. B. Baldwin of the CIO Political Action Committee that there would be a heavy vote.

THAT MYSTERIOUS TREND

Just at this point in mid-October Dr. Gallup's poll happened to discover "an unmistakable Dewey" trend which showed the GOP candidate picking up two percent—and so the 51-49 percent figure was continued without change.

Gallup admitted most polls, including his own, tend to underestimate the voting power of low income groups, but failed to explain why this was not taken into account during the complicated process of weighting and "correcting" the figures.

Rep. Anderson made it clear that

LONDON, Dec. 28 (UP). — Soviet tanks and cavalry, advancing westward across plains south of the Danube River, today smashed to within 94 miles of Vienna, while other Red Armymen drove deeper into Budapest and captured 12 of its eastern suburbs.

Berlin said Soviet forces had begun artillery bombardment of inner Budapest and more than 400 Soviet bombers and attack planes blasted its German garrison today.

South of the river, Soviets captured several towns and villages on the eastern edges of the plains leading to Gyor, transit center in western Hungary, and advanced to within 57 miles of Austria by capturing Tovaros. Here they were closest to Vienna, and also 31 miles east of Gyor.

North of the Danube, the Soviets reached the east bank of the Hron River on a 28-mile front, where, at points reached two days ago, they were only 97 miles east of Vienna. They cleared the Germans from the valley between the Hron and Ipoly rivers and captured more than 2,000 prisoners.

Simultaneously, two Soviet armies tightened nooses around two groups of trapped enemy troops within Budapest and in a 100-square mile pocket in the Danube bend.

East of the city, the Germans admitted they had fallen back to an inner defense line and the Red Army captured Arpad, two miles east northeast, and Cinkota, two miles east, and also won Dunakeszi on the east bank of the Danube, five miles north of the capital.

Forty-one miles northeast of the embattled city, the Soviets won the Ipoly River fortress of Szecseny, 18 miles southwest of the Czech rail city of Losonc.

Bitter fighting raged for every house and street intersection in Budapest. The Soviets, by Berlin's admission, already were in apparent control of the southernmost of six bridges over the Danube linking the twin boroughs of Buda and Pest.

Japanese in New Raid on B-29 Base

PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Dec. 28 (UP). — Japanese planes raided Saipan and Tinian twice on Tuesday in new retaliatory attacks against American Superfortresses bases but inflicted only minor damage. Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

The enemy sent over two formations of five and two planes respectively in the fourth raid on Marianas bases.

The puny strength of the enemy attacks contrasted with the powerful superfortress raids on Japan, in which more than 100 planes were believed occasionally to have participated.

The weakness of the raids demonstrated again the apparent growing weakness of the Japanese air arm.

January Draft Calls Up 20% in State

ALBANY, Dec. 28 (UP). — A review of the status of thousands of men in the 26-38 year draft group was in the offing today as State Selective Service officials disclosed that January draft calls had risen 20 percent. Brig. Gen. Ames T. Brown, state director, predicted that local boards would have to go into the 26-30 bracket to fill the increased quotas.

The committee is interested in a closer scrutiny of the Gallup poll, particularly in connection with its New York miscalculations. A special committee of government experts is assisting in going over the figures.

As Long As It's Kept Secret

WITH AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY, Western Front, Dec. 28 (UP). — First Lt. James Tower, Grand Island, N. Y., pointed his carbine down into a German machine gun nest and forced 34 Germans to emerge with their hands up.

All alone, he was marching his prisoners down the road toward a collecting point when a fellow officer joined him on the double.

"Don't look now, Jim," the other officer whispered, "but you haven't got any magazine in your carbine."

English Popular In Soviet Schools

Wireless to the Daily Worker
MOSCOW, Dec. 29. — Soviet youth are tremendously interested in learning the English language.

At the Moscow Aviation Institute, students have taken to publishing their "wall newspaper" in English. Friendly Call is the title of their paper, and the first English issue contains articles on American and British war planes, with photographs of Flying Fortresses, Lightnings, Mustang and Mosquito airplanes.

The Friendly Call also had articles about the U. S. film directors, Frank Capra and Lewis Milestone and their films Battle of Russia and North Star.

For the Orphans Of Nazi Brutality

More than 600 articles of warm clothing for the use of Russian children were received by the Stanley Theatre during the first week of the drive to help the war-devastated orphans of Nazi brutality. The current clothes-collecting campaign is being conducted in conjunction with the Russian War Relief's citywide drive to help the children of our Soviet ally.

Through the cooperation of Nicholas Napoli, head of Artkino Pictures, releasing agent of Soviet films in this country, and the Stanley management, the presentation of an article of clothing entitles the donor to be admitted free of charge to see The Rainbow, latest Russian film importation. David Fine, manager, announced that because of the unusual interest shown in the current campaign, the free admission offer will be extended through the entire run of The Rainbow.

The clothes-collecting drive has received the enthusiastic approval of Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, Newbold Morris, Bronx Borough Pres. James J. Lyons, and many other city officials.

5 Yanks Murdered, Mutilated by Nazi SS

WITH U. S. FORCES ON WESTERN FRONT, Dec. 28 (UP). — American Army officials announced today that Nazi SS Guardsmen shot down in cold blood a United States lieutenant and four doughboys captured west of Bastogne and then stomped their faces with hobnailed boots.

Disclosing another authenticated case of the Germans murdering their prisoners, authorities said the report had been verified, and tallied with the announced policy of the SS Elite Guard in this campaign.

The only survivor of the ruthless slaughter was wounded badly, but managed to crawl a tortuous mile and a half to the American lines.

The six-man patrol was surrounded and forced to surrender on the night of Dec. 17 in the area west of Bastogne, Belgian transport center where an American force was encircled and now has been relieved.

The survivor was marked for death with his companions after their German captors had questioned them perfunctorily. A hail of bullets crumpled them to the ground.

Riddled with bullets, the survivor played dead while the Germans ground their hobnailed shoes into the faces of the Americans and kicked them mercilessly. He told his story through bleeding and purple lips while doctors worked over him.

Choking back cries of pain, the doughboy waited until the Germans had finished their gory task and left. Then he dragged his battered body back to friendly territory.

Authenticated accounts of earlier Nazi atrocities in recent weeks have been forwarded to Washington.

State Wage and Hour Law Highlights ALP '45 Platform

The State Legislature will be asked to adopt a state wages-and-hours bill for industry patterned after the federal law when it convenes next Wednesday, the State Committee of the American Labor Party announced yesterday.

The wages and hours measure was one of many proposals contained in the detailed program on state legislation released yesterday by the State ALP organization.

The ALP also announced that for the first time in its history it will open a permanent, full-time legislative office in Albany. The office will be located at 125 State St., a block below the Capitol.

The preamble to the ALP 1945 platform charges that the Dewey administration has failed to meet the requirements of the war situation and has stripped social services while salting away a huge surplus.



Hyman Blumberg

Specifically, it notes that no program of postwar employment or of expanded social security has been presented; no adequate provision has been made for the returning veterans; and the problem of eliminating discrimination has thus far received only lip service.

The program is presented under

'Fortune' Finds Wide Concern in Postwar Needs

A post-election survey finds the American people most concerned with preventing postwar unemployment and with America's role after the war, according to a poll released by Fortune magazine today.

Exploring attitudes toward some Administration domestic programs, the survey finds only two notable shifts in popular thinking on major issues. There is increased interest in social security and less interest in the government's future policy toward unions.

While the question on labor unions was third in importance in Fortune's survey last March, this month found it fifth; the question on social security provisions jumped from fifth place last March to fourth in the current poll.

PENSIONS

Concerning pensions under social security, almost half didn't think the government went far enough; more than a third considered the government's policy just right; only five percent considered the program too advanced. On low cost housing, 36 percent felt that government's policy was just right while 32 thought it hadn't gone far enough. Almost half believed the government had prevented wages from going too low. Forty percent thought the government has aided the farmer in making a decent living while 31.8 didn't think it went far enough.

On these issues where the Administration has been most sharply criticized, twice as many thought the government hadn't gone far enough as thought the government had gone "too far."

About 49 percent figured there would be a depression after the war while 40.9 thought we would avoid one. Of these who felt a depression was due 62.1 percent had preferred Dewey.

On postwar relations with our allies, 48.3 percent were confident that our relations with the Soviet Union would improve, and 31.1 percent thought our relations with England would fare better.

17 main headings, devoted to war and immediate postwar economic problems. The headings include: wages and hours act; elimination of racial and religious discrimination; aid to the veteran; preparation of a postwar public works program; raising social security levels; curbing rising living costs; improving and extending the education system; establishment of a youth service commission; low cost public housing; equitable city-state fiscal relations; improving the workmen's compensation law; improving civil service standards; maintaining the five-cent fare; assisting the farmer; increasing labor representation in government; liberalizing the election law, and reacquiring and using the state's natural resources.

Under each of these headings, numerous specific measures are advocated.

The ALP proposal for establishment of a permanent State commission on discrimination is considerably more sweeping than the measure advanced by a legislative commission which held public hearings on the issue early this month. Under the set-up projected by the ALP, such a commission would be empowered to move against all forms of discrimination, which would be declared a crime. The legislative commission bill would give the state power to act only in cases of discrimination in employment.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Proposals for expansion of unemployment insurance include extension of coverage to all workers not now covered; increase of benefits to \$35 maximum and \$15 minimum, with additional benefits for dependents; extension of duration from the current 20 weeks to 26 weeks; cutting down of the waiting period, and payment to people who are ill. A comprehensive system of health, maternity and disability insurance is also advocated.

The program calls for use of all state agencies to aid in rigid enforcement of price, rent and rationing controls and the imposition of a ceiling on commercial rents. It asks for a \$500 raise for state employees and a \$1,500 minimum salary for government employees.

The education plank asks for revision of the outmoded Friedsam formula, limitation of class size to 30 students, pay increases to teachers, expansion of aid to higher education and several other steps of a similar nature.

The St. Lawrence Seaway Plan is backed.

The program was drafted by a legislative committee composed of John F. O'Donnell, general counsel; Bronx Assemblyman Leo Isacson, secretary; Hyman Glickstein, Victor Rabinowitz and Irving Lemov, ALP leaders in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens, respectively, and several upstate party leaders.

Confesses Killing New York Heiress

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28 (UP).—John L. Sumpter, 22-year-old ex-soldier from Cuthbert, Ga., was held today for Los Angeles police after walking into the local office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and confessing to the murder of pretty New York heiress Georgette Bauerdorf last Oct. 12.

Wallace Backs Job Planning

WASHINGTON, Del. 28.—Vice-President Henry A. Wallace placed full postwar employment in the United States as "the first step on the road to permanent world-wide peace," in a speech last night to the American Statistical Association.

The Vice-President endorsed the principle of the program recently projected for study by Sen. James E. Murray (D-Mont.) in which the Federal government is made responsible for securing full employment.

The Murray proposal, which was advanced as a basis of discussion, would have the President present estimates on the job and investment prospects in the nation at the beginning of each year, with recommendations for guaranteeing a job for everyone.

Whether or not the task is done in that particular way, Wallace told his audience, the idea it represents must be adopted. The government will have to plan in advance to synthesize its programs with that of private industry in order to maintain the national income at the full employment level, he declared.

He revealed, incidentally, that the Murray proposal had been drafted by James Patton of the National Farmers Union with the aim of having the government provide for an annual capital investment of \$40,000,000,000 and a national income of \$200,000,000,000.

Harlem's Windup Bond Rally Tonight

Harlem's windup war bond rally takes place tonight (Friday) at the Golden Gate Ballroom with many of Broadway's and Hollywood's brightest stars participating.

Speakers include Congressman-elect Adam C. Powell, attorney Hope Stevens, Dr. Channing Tobias and Councilman Benjamin J. Davis. Councilman Davis heads the Community Sponsoring Committee which is backing the meeting together with the Treasury Department.

Admission is free to bond purchasers.

News Capsules Crime in Rhyme

A youthful robber entered the Golden Lion Cafe, of Los Angeles, and sang out, "I'm a bandit bold, so hand over your gold."

The proprietor chased the would-be robber outside and with the help of two customers, captured him.

Airmen downed at sea will turn sea water into drinking water with their own "solar still" soon to be put into mass production, the Air Force Technical Service Command reported yesterday.

The still is a flat, 30-inch envelope packed into life rafts. Inside the envelope is a plastic screen, covered by black cellulose sponge.



Earl Browder, left, congratulates Dr. Michael Lawrence of Queens County CPA for having secured 42 subscriptions to The Worker, while Fay Vedro, Queens County CPA secretary, looks on.

—Daily Worker Photo

Queens Sub-Getters Praised by Browder

By MAXINE LEVI

The Queens County Communist Political Association Wednesday night received the personal thanks of Earl Browder, editor-in-chief of The Worker, for its work in extending the paper's circulation.

Browder spoke at a banquet attended by some 200 CPA members, each of whom had sold at least five subscriptions to The Worker. Having fulfilled 140.5 percent of its quota, with 1,205 subscriptions, Queens is now leading the country.

"The Worker is the one national newspaper which never wavers in support of the front line fight, and never falls for any of the provocations of those who are trying to cause confusion here at home," Browder declared.

AN UNHOLY ALLIANCE

He pointed out that liberals like Sen. Claude Pepper found themselves in alliance with the worst enemies of the war effort, in their fight against the President's nominees.

"The whole thing brought aid and comfort to the worst reactionaries in this country, and enemies abroad," he asserted.

"We must realize that when we called for the election of Roosevelt as Commander-in-Chief, we meant it," Browder continued, adding that the President must certainly be trusted to appoint a few officials to the State Department.

Going on to describe the "political degeneration" of arguments developed against the appointees, he referred to PM's attack on Will Clayton because he had helped to develop the cotton industry in Brazil

Gilbert Green Congratulates Queens

Gilbert Green, president of the State CPA yesterday congratulated the Queens organization for overfulfilling its pledge in the campaign to increase the circulation of The Worker.

"Queens County," Green said, "is among the first CPA organizations in New York and nationally to fulfill its obligations. This is a matter of great pride to the New York State Board. It is a reflection of the understanding of the role of the CPA in these critical times, and of their ability to carry out their responsibilities. Increasing the circulation of The Worker helps guarantee that the American people will be fortified with clarity in facing the problems that arise."

in competition with the United States.

"I never saw more vulgar Abnerism-Firstism in the Chicago Tribune than that argument in PM," he explained. "Our friends found themselves in a political quadrille with America Firsters against the President."

It's a good thing, he commented, that the President understands that if we want to organize industry to solve economic problems, we must enlist the men who control industry.

"Either that," he said wryly, "or postpone the war until we have a revolution and take industry out of their hands. And the only one who wants that seriously is Hitler."

The moral of the story, Browder explained, is to read the Daily Worker and The Worker to "keep you on the straight line of winning the war, sweeping the earth clean of fascist scum and starting the reconstruction of a world of peace for generations to come."

Emmanuel Blum, Queens County president, presented Browder with a pledge signed by all present to get at least two more subscriptions apiece for The Worker by Jan. 7.

Browder presented top sub-getters with Karl Marx's collected works. The proud recipients were Michael Lawrence with 42 subs, Sid Croto, 22, Bert Sutta, 23, George Glasser, 21, Rose Olson, 15, and Matthew Cerda, 15.

Harlem War Bond Show Tonight

Stars to Feature Golden Gate Ballroom Rally

Union Lookout

- Wheels for Western Union
- NMU Art Exhibit Travels

by Dorothy Loeb



Calling all cars: The City CIO has promised transportation to the American Communications Association for the Jan. 8 National Labor Relations Board election among 10,000 New York City Western Union employees. This is part of the national poll running Jan. 2 through 10. Milton Kaufman, council director of organization, asks that all that have cars to lend contact him at once. "The City CIO is making a drive to get Negroes employed as sales people in New York department stores. Department store unions are cooperating, and petitions are being circulated so that managements will see that that's the way the customers want it. And you know what lots of signatures will mean. The customer is always right."

John L. Spivak is retiring as editor of the newspaper of Hotel and Club Employees Local 6. . . . The AFL Building and Construction Trades Council is up in arms against a reported move by Mayor LaGuardia to cut the wages of city employed construction workers. The city proposes to institute a category of construction maintenance men at an annual wage, starting at \$1,800 a year. Such a scale would cut wages by nearly 50 per cent, the council says.

A campaign to collect clothing and other gifts to send to liberated Italy has been launched by Local 455, Iron Shopmen. Barrels will be placed in the shops and workers will be asked to bring in their contributions. . . . New York Newspaper Guildsmen are joining Americans in London in protesting the firing of Rhoda Miller from OWI in London. Seems Miss Miller, former chairman of the Time, Inc., Guild unit, went overseas for OWI a year ago. Officials told her she hadn't been cleared by the necessary security officers and would she mind going right back? She stayed instead and worked on her job but lately a dismissal came through. Thirty-five Americans, OWI workers, wired a protest to the State Department and 20 Britishers in the London OWI office did the same.

Paintings made by National Maritime Union members are now on exhibit at the Benedict Galleries, Hull House, Chicago, after two months in the NMU hiring hall in New York. The paintings and drawings were also seen at the Baltimore Museum of Art for several months and in Charleston, S. C. Later the show goes to Duluth, Minn., to the UAW in Detroit, to State Teachers College at Superior, Wis., and to San Francisco, where the NMU branch will sponsor the exhibit. Many of the seamen painters were encouraged to apply their talents by an NMU-United Seamen's Service art class conducted by Altra Peirce. She's a talented artist in her own right.

The International Labor Office announces that its Joint Maritime Commission will meet in London Jan. 8. On the commission are nine representatives of seamen's unions, nine representatives of shipowners' organization and two members of the governing body of the ILO. Principal question up for discussion is an international charter proposed by seamen to govern working conditions in the merchant marine.

Nazi Gamble Losing: Stimson

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP).—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, reporting "some very important" Allied gains in Belgium and Luxembourg during the past two days, voiced confidence today that the allies are winning their crucial western front test and said, "Time will reveal that this German throw of the dice will have disastrous consequences for him."

In the two weeks through Dec. 14, American war casualties were 65,973, it was announced. The German counter-offensive began Dec. 16. Total U. S. combat casualties for all services up to the German drive, were listed as 628,441, including 134,143 killed, 355,877 wounded, 75,772 missing and 63,649 prisoners.

"Since we entered the war," he said, "the enemy has exerted all his cleverness of propaganda to effect a cleavage in the British-American front of a free press, and he has been particularly vicious and ingenious in his efforts to effect a division between the Russians and ourselves in the coordination of our military enterprises. The Germans are utilizing their present offensive to further this effort and it is most important to avoid falling into their grip."

Women's Panel To Hear Case

For the first time anywhere in the country, an all-woman panel will weigh the facts in a War Labor Board dispute case today (Friday).

Three women have been named by the Regional War Labor Board to handle the dispute of the CIO United Gas, Coke & Chemical Workers at Helena Rubenstein, Inc. cosmetics plant, Queens.

Serving on the panel are Miss Miriam Kadin, chairman and public member; Mrs. Anna Venturi, labor representative, secretary of Local 1225, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, and Mrs. Anelita P. B. Keating, industry member, personnel director for Julius Schmid, Inc., New York City. Miss Kadin is a hearing officer and panel chairman on the board staff.

Laundry Union Asks Pay Floor Increase

A demand that Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi convene a Minimum Wage Board to raise New York State minimum wages for women and children in the laundry industry was made yesterday by the Laundry Workers Joint Board of Greater New York, an Amalgamated Clothing Workers affiliate.

Rates set by the prevailing minimum order in the industry, fix the hourly rate at not less than 34 cents per hour and the weekly wage at not less than \$14, an annual wage, covering 52 weeks, of \$728.

Those figures were too low when they were set but they have been rendered wholly inadequate by rises in the cost of living, says the board, which speaks for 25,000 laundry workers.

The War Labor Board established 50 cents an hour as the figure below which any wage was substandard over a year ago and recently hearings before the WLB showed that that was "entirely too low," says the union's letter to Corsi.

"Evidence submitted to the board indicates that, in order to maintain even the barest minimum standard of living, an employee should receive no less than 72 cents an hour," wrote William Baron, Joint Board manager.

Corsi's own department issued a study that shows that the very minimum required as of September, 1943, was \$1,211.13, to which must be added \$228.79 for income taxes and \$159.99 for war bonds, a total of \$1,599.91, Baron asserted. Another 10 percent must be added for women living alone, he said.

Baron contended that upward revision of state minima is urgent now not only to meet rises in living costs but in preparation for the postwar period.

"The minimum wage law definitely contemplated a continuous process," he wrote. "It was never intended that once a minimum wage order was issued, it should become static and frozen. In fact the minimum wage law makes specific provisions for reconsideration of minimum wage orders and the reconvening of the Minimum Wage Boards or the appointment of new wage boards."

"It is high time that such a

Set Week to Honor George W. Carver

ALBANY, Dec. 28 (UP).—George Washington Carver, the son of slave parents, whose research work with peanuts and sweet potatoes produced more than 400 products now in common use, will be honored Jan. 7-14 through observance of "George Washington Carver Week."

In a proclamation urging people of the state to pay tribute to the memory of "one of the greatest scientists and benefactors of mankind," Governor Dewey said: "He lived to exemplify and personify the contribution of the Negro race to American democracy."

board reconvened, or a new board set up to take up the matter of increasing minimum wages in the laundry industry. We believe that such a board, after obtaining all the facts, will recommend 65 cents per hour or not less than \$26 per week."

Soviets Greet Freed Citizens

Wireless to the Daily Worker

MOSCOW, Dec. 28.—Liberated by the Allied advance from east and west, Soviet men, women and children are returning home by the thousands.

From liberated France and Belgium came 10,000 men and women. They received a mighty welcome as they disembarked at Murmansk.

Other thousands have returned from Poland and East Prussia.

Most impressive has been the return of 200 children ranging in age from seven to 14 who were just liberated in Czechoslovakia.

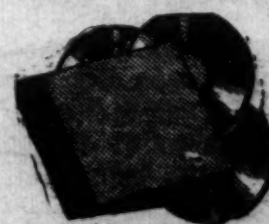
Scores Press Reports On Child Leukemia

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 (UP).—Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the Hygeia magazine, criticized the press today for what he termed the "occasional stirring of public emotion in relation to some long-continued, probably fatal disease" affecting children.

In an editorial prepared for the January issue of Hygeia, Dr. Fishbein cited the wide publicity given two cases, one a child with leukemia, the other a child with a malignant tumor ailment, "invariably with emphasis on the inevitable fatal character of the disease."

"There are many cases of leukemia in the United States besides the one given all the publicity, and all the parents and all the friends of these patients are constantly being reminded about the inevitable death," he said.

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The 'Liberals' and Foreign Policy

THE NEW YORK Liberal Party has finally shown its true colors, coming forward yesterday with a full-scale offensive on Britain, France, and Russia, which President Roosevelt is invited—or rather incited—to join. Only eight short weeks ago, this party appealed for votes as the anointed and appointed instrument to secure the President's electoral victory and guarantee the realization of his policies. Now this deception is abandoned.

The Liberal Party not only joins the wolf-pack against Mr. Roosevelt but provides it with a program. What we have here is the most ambitious attempt yet seen to unite Anglophobes, anti-Sovieters, isolationist Republicans, dyspeptic progressives, and Norman Thomas bankrupts in one ugly anti-Roosevelt cartel on the eve of the new session of Congress where the Dumbarton Oaks agreements must be discussed and ratified.

Who are these Liberals anyway? They are the old crew of Social-Democrats, organized and paid for by David Dubinsky; and their sole ambition is to prevent the Soviet Union from being accepted as the indispensable partner of the United States now and after the war. Their counterparts abroad have left heavy wreckage everywhere: Vaino Tanner in Finland who brought his country to the brink of doom by the stubborn German alliance; George Papandreou in Greece, serving as a miserable tool in Britain's mistaken attempt to usurp the hard-won Greek democracy; or Paul Henri-Spaak, the Belgian foreign minister, without whom the Brussels government could not have disarmed the Belgian resistance and abandoned women and children to the current German atrocities.

These are Matthew Woll's cronies in the last-ditch opposition to world labor unity. These are the men who shed copious tears at the prospect that a defeated Germany will have to make retribution to the civilized world for her crimes. Their model among governments is the clique of Polish emigres. Their military hero is Gen. Drazza Mikhailovitch. Their banner is borrowed and misused, the Atlantic Charter.

What They Want

And what do they want? Nothing less than an appeal by President Roosevelt against our allies, a refusal to favor the settlement of urgent military-political issues in Europe until some kind of United Nations Council is formed. The program of such a Council is forecast in advance: the restoration of the Polish pariahs in London; the overthrow of Marshal Tito in Yugoslavia, a severe rebuke to Gen. de Gaulle for daring to resume that friendship with the Soviet Union whose breach cost millions of French lives.

There is more to the document on which we can only pause. It defends the anti-Communist blockade in China which may cost millions of American lives in Asia; it upholds Argentina's hypocritical complaint of "unilateral" opposition from the United States. But in essence, behind the concern over "power politics," is the demand that our country must return to anti-Soviet power politics.

Herald Tribune

By contrast, we would note an editorial in yesterday's New York Herald Tribune, a spokesman for decisive sections of our capitalism, and certainly as jealous of American interests as the so-called liberals. This paper reflects on the liberation of Budapest, on the immensity of the Soviet self-sacrifice, and points to the recent "massive advances" as "a useful corrective for those thoughtless individuals who can still talk about the failure of the Russians to do their part." The Tribune encourages respect for "Russia's true place in this immense human cataclysm," and points to the "paramount importance" of the new "power relationships in Europe, in the ending of the war and the construction of a viable peace."

Some people thought, says the Herald Tribune, that the war would end with the Red Army stuck in the steppes and the Anglo-American armies striding to the rescue. The situation, in fact, is almost reversed and the Tribune is thankful for it. Yes, here is the heart of the Liberal Party's panic, also. It, too, expected that the USSR would be bled white, held off by Germany until armies imbued by the Liberal Party's hostility to Russia would arrive in Europe.

Its 12 page letter to the President is no more than an expression of regret that this has not happened, a statement of fear. The Herald Tribune has no such fears, only a healthy respect for the new realities of Europe and the world. It is in this direction that our foreign policy has developed and must be strengthened, thrusting aside the counsels of professional Russia-haters, professional mongers of panic and disunion.

... JUMPED OVER THE MOON



Issues in the Zionist Council Crisis

By ABRAHAM CHAPMAN

Dr. Stephen S. Wise and Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver have resigned from their offices in the American Zionist Emergency Council.

What is the background of the conflict and what are the issues involved?

First, it must be clear that it is not only an issue of Zionist affairs. The conflict is over policy and tactics to be pursued in fighting against the White Paper and for the national rights of the Yishuv in Palestine. This is a matter of concern for the entire Jewish people. All Jews are therefore interested in this struggle.

For some time it was clear that there were two tendencies in American Zionism. The first is the Rabbi Wise-Dr. Goldstein tendency, supported by a majority of American Zionists. Dr. Wise and Dr. Goldstein have built their policies on Palestine and their Zionist program on the premise that the solution of Palestine's problems depends upon a victory of the United Nations. They have developed their activities in the framework of unqualified support of President Roosevelt's policies in America.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, on the other hand, has pursued a policy of working with the anti-Roosevelt forces and has isolated the fight for the rights of the Jews in Palestine from the strengthening of President Roosevelt's position in America.

CONVENTION ACTION

At the last Zionist convention a short time ago, the Wise-Goldstein policy was overwhelmingly upheld, as is apparent from Dr. Goldstein's presidential report and the resolutions of the convention.

President Roosevelt has made it clear that the United States Government never gave its support to the White Paper and that the U. S. looks favorably upon the ultimate establishment of a Jewish Commonwealth in Palestine.

This is part of the broad background. The immediate conflict arose following the deferment of action on the Palestine Resolution by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. From all the stories in the press (there have been no official statements), this is what emerges:

The State Department asked the Zionist leadership not to press for action by the Senate now. The question involved was one of time. The State Department did not in any way indicate any retreat whatsoever from the anti-White Paper policy enunciated by President Roosevelt as Chief Executive

of the United States. The reason for asking for the deferment is obvious. A serious difference of opinion had arisen between the United States and Britain on Greece, Italy and Belgium. This was not the favorable time for the U. S. Government to speak out on the question of Palestine. Rabbi Wise, pursuing a policy of unqualified support for the President, agreed not to press for action at this moment, according to press reports. Rabbi Silver, on the other hand, went ahead with pressure for action and played into the hands of the defeatists, the enemies of the President and the enemies of the Yishuv.

Such notorious enemies of the President as George E. Sokolsky, John O'Donnell and the New York Daily News, made capital out of the pressure for action and launched an offensive against the President and Rabbi Wise. Rabbi Silver worked closely with Sen. Taft and other Hoover Republicans. This is a dangerous policy for the Jews as well as for the Zionist movement.

AUTHORS OF WHITE PAPER

It must never be forgotten that it was Munich and Chamberlain who fathered the bastard White Paper in Palestine and the White Paper will never be abrogated by alliances with the Munichmen here. It appears further that Dr. Silver pursued his policy against the will of the majority of the American Zionist Emergency Council.

Dr. Wise, being asked whether it was true that he had resigned from the American Zionist Emergency Council, made the following reply:

"One week ago I resigned the office of chairman of the American Zionist Emergency Council. I did so because, as I stated in my letter of resignation, I felt that it was impossible for me to remain chairman of a body, one of the leaders of which—the chairman of the Executive Committee—had deliberately and persistently contravened the decisions of the Council in a matter of supreme

importance to the lasting hurt of our sacred cause." At Wednesday's nearly all-night session of the Emergency Council, the resignation was not acted upon, but a motion was passed inviting all the officers of the Executive Committee to resign, in order that it might be free to act upon all resignations at the same time. I believe a meeting is to be held in the near future. I could not return to the service of the Zionist Emergency Council unless the reconstituting of the Council gave assurance that no officer would again be permitted to contravene its considered and final decisions."

Dr. Wise will make no further comment upon the present decision.

RABBI SILVER RESIGNS

At the Zionist Emergency Council last week a motion was introduced to censor Rabbi Silver. This motion was defeated by a very small minority. In the early hours of the morning Rabbi Silver resigned because he felt there was no confidence in his policies, as the Morning Journal reported.

Dr. Wise has the support of the majority of the Zionist movement. He had the support of the entire Zionist Organization of America and Hadassah. Rabbi Silver was supported by the Mizrahi and the Poale Zion. The Zionist Organization of America and Hadassah embrace a membership of more than 250,000. The Mizrahi and the Poale Zion are small Zionist minority movements. The Zionist Emergency Council is a body comprising these four organizations.

The fight against the White Paper must continue and must be developed. But the fight must be concentrated against the friends of the White Paper and not against President Roosevelt.

It is clear that the question of a correct policy for the struggle for the rights of the Yishuv is a matter of concern to all Jews. It is also clear that the question of full support of President Roosevelt is a matter of concern to American national unity as a whole.

— Worth Repeating —

CHINA'S NEW DEMOCRACY is discussed by Mao Tse-tung, chairman of the Chinese Communist Party, in a pamphlet of that title, in which he says as to the popular character of the New Democracy's culture: The culture of New Democracy is popular in character. It should serve the purpose of the toiling masses, which occupy more than 90 percent of the whole Chinese population, and should gradually become their own culture. . . . Therefore, all the progressive cultural workers should have their own cultural troops in the anti-Japanese war, and these troops are nothing more than the people and the masses.

Change the World

IT'S always painful to be told by somebody that he (or she) is disappointed in you. And Jack Steinberg, of Monroe St., N. Y., a waterfront neighborhood I know since boyhood, writes in to say he is disappointed in me.

"For years I've been one of your devoted admirers. Often have I been buoyed up by sentiments of life and hope that appeared in your column. But recently, when the world is on the brink of something vast and new, when conflicting and wonderful things happen every hour, all you can find to write about are trivialities like your dislike for Sinatra or the radio jingling, etc., etc."

Well, Jack, I am disappointed in you, too. I thought that every American progressive and Communist and labor unionist had learned by now the lessons of the recent presidential election.

It was touch and go with fascism. Most of us felt the hot breath of the monster on our necks. Millions of people got out and did political work for the first time in their lives.

Many Americans learned under Dewey to sneer at Jews, Russians, foreigners and trade unionists. They were prepared for a fascist sowing.

Millions of others were shocked into full democratic consciousness. One saw the birth of a People's Front in this country.

A true cross-section of the nation won the



By Mike Gold

election for Roosevelt. Without the aid of liberal capitalists it could not have been won. Without the fervor of housewives, the clarity of Negro leaders, the solid support of labor unions, it would not have been a victory.

The southern sharecropper was needed for this People's Front, as well as the southern conservative. The Catholic priest joined hands with the Jewish rabbi, the Hollywood soubrette danced side by side with staunch little battlers of the millinery workers union.

Also, without the Frank Sinatras and Fredric Marches the battle would have been lost to our own Gen. Franco.

Don't you yet understand this, Jack? I am disappointed in you as a reader if after all these years of Changing the World you still think the popular arts too trivial to be included in a People's Front.

THAT is your sectarianism showing, Jack. Fascism does not only threaten us, the progressives, the Communists, the Jews or Negroes. It threatens all of the country. All of America has to be roused and unified.

This being a darned big country, to form an anti-fascist coalition is a job for patient and heroic giants.

But such a coalition has to be formed and held together. Only the most far-seeing, self-sacrificing elements of the coalition see this and achieve the cohesion.

Jack, if you wish to be a progressive, you must understand such a coalition, and learn

A Painful Disappointment

to become one of the engineers that hold it together.

TO SPEAK of the entertainment world as "trivial" is to misunderstand the American set-up.

Joe Persily, president of a Chicago UE local of the CIO, a clerical worker, writes in to say that the "surprise" we got in the recent campaign when so many big names in the show world came out for Roosevelt was a demonstration that America is hourly becoming more progressive.

"The mass of people are moving away from reaction, and taking with them large sections of the upper crust, too.

"You are correct in a way, Mike, to ask these great entertainers to inject more democracy into their daily performance. They must keep the spirit of the election campaign. It isn't easy for these show people. Only the most conscious, the most progressive, dare to tell their reactionary sponsors to go to hell. It is the same story that one meets in an unorganized industrial plant. Here one often finds people ordinarily progressive who remain silent among their fellow workers because 'it may mean my job.'

"The only way to break that silence is to organize the workers into strong labor unions, to encourage democratic expression.

"The radio artists should do something about their democratic rights to self-expression. Haven't they yet got a union that will let a Bob Hope or Eddie Cantor speak out for democracy?"

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

Echoes in the Southland

Austin, Tex.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The advent of Negro rights through the country is having reverberations in the Southland. When Rev. A. Clayton Powell, the new Congressman from Harlem, made his speech about running for governor of Mississippi, he was "answered" by John W. Lynch, editor of the Delta Democrat Times of Greenville, Miss. The answer was a poor one, of course, but it was printed in a number of southern papers and got the front page in the well-known Dallas Morning News (issue of Dec. 20). This showed that Powell's election and his speech had echoed through the South.

CHARLOTTE R.

Churchill and The Back Door

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It seems that Churchill is well aware the majority of Americans and the British masses don't approve at all his deplorable intervention policy against our beloved ally, Greece. Therefore, to whitewash his crime, a few days ago he told the world Roosevelt and Stalin are well informed of his enterprise months ago.

We know our President and Premier Stalin agreed to many proposals, but no one with a stable dignity can believe the latter gave a go ahead signal to Mr. Churchill of using his armies to choke the freedom of a great nation with blood.

After all, our sons are fighting to exterminate the hated Nazi. While we are chasing one band from the front Churchill is sneaking another into the back door.

H. JOROSIAN.

Polltax Issue 'Haunts South'

Dallas, Tex.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The polltax issue, you'll be interested to know, haunts the South. The Dallas Morning News of Dec. 13, for instance, has a long editorial on Polltax Reform. "Changing conditions, including a rising educational and economic standard," it agrees, "makes the polltax requirement less defensible today than in the past." That's a strange argument, but it is something to note that a leading paper of the South writes now in this fashion. Of course, it appears still to want to head off national legislation on the polltax, urging that the South get behind Gov. Arnall of Georgia "to take the polltax issue as its own problem" and "solve it" without "emotion." In a word, the southern wimpy men have to let the polltax go but they see the handwriting on the wall and they want to head off national action.

J. J. K.

A Proposition

Manhattan.

Editor, Daily Worker:

It simply is nauseating—I can think of no other word—to read David Lawrence in the Sun, still whining about "one man government" at Washington. What I recommend is that men like Lawrence prove war-worthiness by either backing up the President in this perilous time or shutting up for the duration. That's a proposition. MERCHANT SEAMAN.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

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Let's Face It

THE relative lull on the domestic political front will soon be broken with a vengeance.

Not only does the new Congress go into session next week, but the legislatures of 45 states will convene in January. The legislative bodies of Kentucky, Virginia and Mississippi are the only ones not scheduled to meet in 1945.

While major attention will inevitably be focused on the national capital, state legislatures are by no means to be disregarded. They can be important both in helping to solve knotty war and postwar problems and in affecting political lineups. Negatively, they also can make themselves quite important by passing reactionary laws, such as the anti-labor measures approved by some midwest and southern states.

Naturally, the war needs of the nation in general and of the people of the state in particular should be the chief concern of each legislature. There has, however, been very little attention paid to the problem of utilization of the state apparatus to further the war effort. Little joint discussions have taken place, and there is much fuzziness and uncertainty about it.

The logical place where the problem should have been thrashed out is the annual governors' conference. But in the past two years, these conferences have been dominated by Republicans who used them entirely as forums against the Administration and for



by Max Gordon

platforms upon which to advance the presidential ambitions of Governors Dewey and Bricker.

THUS, instead of trying to solve the problem of promoting the war effort through state action, the conferences sounded off about states' rights and the usurpation of power by the federal government, a strange cry indeed when the nation is engaged in the most furious and most dangerous war in its history.

I recall that at one of the conferences Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin of Connecticut, a Willie fondler, presented a paper in which he discussed a detailed plan put into operation by his administration to mobilize small business and to train workers for war production. It got scant attention from the press and, as far as I know, from anyone else. When Gov. Dewey got the GOP governors together in St. Louis to draw up a statement of principles, no such problem was mentioned.

The great bulk of the speeches at the various gatherings of the governors dealt with the stock GOP complaints against federal "regimentation" and "bureaucracy."

Right now, the various states can be helpful in promoting plans for reconversion of industry in their areas and it would seem that state legislatures ought to examine this problem.

THERE are, however, several things that can be done to aid the war effort directly.

When 45 State Legislatures Convene Next Month

For example, in few states has the state police machinery been used to aid in enforcing price control and rationing. In New York, for instance, the State War Council has received blanket authority to use that machinery but has done little about it. As far as the state is concerned, anyone who breaks price control regulations commits a misdemeanor and must pay a ridiculously small fine. I understand that some Democratic legislators are planning to introduce a bill to give real assistance to the federal government in tightening price control and rationing enforcement.

Manpower problems which the state can aid in solving include child care and the elimination of discrimination. There is also the problem of aiding the returning veterans in adjustment to civilian life. While the federal government has given considerable aid and is planning more, a few states have supplemented with assistance of their own.

In most states, one of the foremost issues will be liberalization of unemployment insurance, an important aspect of reconversion. Even in the best of cases, benefits are woefully low. To meet the pressures of the immediate postwar period, states have to plan now for public housing, for aid to private housing and for various other public projects. Outstanding among the latter are the President's Missouri Valley Authority proposals and the St. Lawrence Seaway.

These are only a few of the issues that will, or should, confront the various state legislatures.

Meeting Our Health Problems in the New Year

by Celia Langer

these hearings, describing the woeful lack of medical facilities throughout the country, it is fair to assume that this subcommittee may well present a report to Congress calling for a nationwide building program to provide hospitals and health centers.

SUCH a bill, whether introduced by this subcommittee or from some other source, is of urgent necessity, to complement any federal measure for health insurance. For a national system of health care must rest on a secure foundation—facilities in terms of hospitals, medical centers and research laboratories to make it efficient and coherent. Such a construction program is necessary not only for proper medical care, but is a logical part of postwar construction.

Pertinent and constructive amendments to the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill, of which many will probably be incorporated in a new and more up-to-date version, were prepared by the Health Program Conference, a group of 29 specialists, including physicians, economists, public health men, and representatives from the CIO and AFL. The all-over prin-

ciples for the functioning of a nationwide system of health care were presented to the people by the American Public Health Association in a magnificent report prepared by the most progressive group of doctors in the country, in public health men.

THE announcement of the incorporation of the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York by Mayor LaGuardia, has turned the eyes of the country to this amazing development. It will provide complete medical care (doctor, nurse, hospital and diagnostic services) for all living in the city on the basis of a payroll tax. "This is a national health insurance plan in embryo, albeit a large embryo, providing services for 7,000,000 people. If successful, and there is no reason to believe that it will not be, it will help set the pattern for a national system. Congressional legislation for such a system is one of the major tasks for the coming year to provide 'the right to adequate medical care and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health; the right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accidents, and unemployment.'" (President, Roosevelt—Speech at the opening of Congress—Jan. 11, 1944.)

Yours for a Healthy and Happier New Year!

Bill of Health

THE end of the year is the practical time for casting accounts. And so, at the end of 1944, it is time to look back and mark progress in the field of health care, to check over its developments so that the problems of 1945 can be seen in perspective.

The reelection of President Roosevelt and Sen. Robert Wagner affects this field, as all others. The unscrupulous campaign of the National Physicians Committee, playing in directly with the campaign of the Republican Party and including the reactionary attempts of commercial insurance companies to damage the effectiveness of the Social Security Act, was defeated by the people. Demand for the passage of the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill rose throughout the year, bringing unanimous expressions of approval from every labor convention, and every people's organization.

Every poll taken to secure expression from the people for the improvement of medical care was affirmative in its demand for a unified approach to this demand was described before the Senate Subcommittee on Wartime Health and Education. From the record of



EAM's Proposals Outline Road to Greek Liberty

Terms proposed by EAM at the Athens parley have just been made known in newspaper dispatches and are published in the adjoining column. Study of these terms show at once that their application would guarantee the democracy which had already been established in Greece before the British attack.

EAM's guerilla army, the ELAS, though it controls most of Greece, is ready to lay down its arms and evacuate Attica, provided reactionary armed outfits do likewise.

Though its two million members represent fully 90 percent of Greece's seven million population, EAM does not demand an exclusively EAM government, but offers to take less than half the cabinet posts.

National elections by April are urged.

It is significant that leaders of the Populist and Liberal parties threatened to bolt the parleys because they termed the EAM's demands unreasonable. A small group of Populists—who are not "popular" but royalist—actually walked out Wednesday when EAM supporters, by the majority of delegates, insisted that a regency must be established immediately.

As to the un-liberal Liberals, their leader, Sophocles Venizelos, when he was Premier of the emigre government in May, condoned persecution of the EAM and pro-EAM soldiers and sailors.

A regency is considered necessary before progress can be made, because the King has supported fascism since August, 1936, when he made John Metaxas dictator, to the present day, when his regime would not repudiate the quisling security battalions.

The EAM, far from being one political faction, as it is pictured, is backed in its demands by constituents of every shade of democratic opinion: Agrarian, Socialist and Communist Parties; the Union of Popular Democracy, the General Unionist Confederation of Labor—and even the Liberal Youth, other Liberals and former Monarchists, chists.

Bioff and Browne Released From Jail

SANDSTONE, Minn., Dec. 28 (UP).—William Bioff and George Browne, theatrical union executive serving eight years in the Federal prison here for extorting \$1,000,000 from the movie industry, have been released from the institution, Warden George W. Humphrey revealed today. They were committed in November, 1941.

WHAT'S ON

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EAM's Proposals

- (1) An agreement on the establishment of a regency as long as no objection is raised by other factions.
- (2) The formation of a new Cabinet with a premier enjoying the confidence of all parties.
- (3) The new government's adoption of the existing program that, it is declared, Premier George Papandreou failed to carry out.
- (4) A purge of all government services, including town police, and the dissolution of the gendarmerie, all officers and men to be sent home and recalled to active service only after each has been examined by a committee.
- (5) Disbanding of national guards formed since the outbreak of the civil war, and their reorganization.
- (6) Dissolution of naval services and their reorganization, all officers to be purged.
- (7) Establishment of committees to purge the army and navy services, the committees to be appointed by the full government and not by individual ministers.
- (8) A plebiscite, to be held not later than the first Sunday in February, to decide whether King George II should return to Greece.
- (9) A general election of the National Assembly in April at the latest.

Drive Nazis Back 3 Miles

(Continued from Page 1)

where it forms the Luxembourg-German border, capturing Berdorf and mopping up a sizable German group which had been surrounded at Beaufort, five miles west of Echternach.

Farther west the Yanks crossed the Sure at three places in Luxembourg in an area roughly 15 miles southwest of Bastogne and bulwarked their corridor into Bastogne from the south despite intense but so far fruitless German efforts to break it. The strongest of these attacks came from the Sibret area, four miles southwest of Bastogne, but there was every confidence that the corridor, driven through the German siege ring in a sudden tank lunge, would be maintained.

The Bastogne garrison was found in excellent condition and prepared to withstand an indefinite siege from perimeter defenses well outside the city, thanks to steady aerial supply involving the use of 842 big C-47 "Dakota" transport planes.

Legion Invites Unions to Parley

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—A new move to improve relations between the American Legion and organized labor is reported by Chicago Union Labor, trade union journal.

The Legion invited the AFL, CIO, Railway Labor Executives Association

and the United Mine Workers to join in a conference in February to iron out differences, the newspaper says.

The call for the parley is said to have been issued following the address delivered by Edward N. Schiebler, new Legion Commander, before the AFL convention

Peasant Party Urges Lublin Form Gov't

LUBLIN, Dec. 28 (Polpress).—Largest political body in Poland, the Peasant Party, added its voice this week to widespread demands that the Polish Committee of National Liberation become the provisional government of Poland.

Chairman of the Peasant Party, Mr. Maslanka, in a recent issue of Rzeczpospolita, lauded the democratic reform initiated by the Lublin Committee, and wrote:

"The Liberation Committee is a symbol of the new Poland which the peasant masses are striving to achieve. That is why the peasants desire to see in the Liberation Committee their own government."

The Liberation Committee representative in the USSR received a similar appeal from the Union of Polish Patriots in Bucharest: "We demand that the Polish Committee of National Liberation in Lublin be transformed into the Polish government."

Urging that the reactionary London exiles be "overthrown by a mass plebiscite in Poland, and the Polish armies be recalled to the territory of Poland," the message signed by Henryk Bigoski, in the name of Bucharest's Union of Polish Patriots, concluded: "Long live the Polish democratic government in Lublin!"

HIT TURNCOATS

Three leaders of the Polish Socialist Party represented on the Liberation Committee here, Dr. Boleslaw Drobner, Stefan Matuzewski and Edward Osobka-Morawski, this week attacked those

"former Socialists" in London who the last years... passed over to the camp of reaction."

Blasting Jan Kwapiński and Tomaz Arciszewski for their reactionary intrigues, the message appealed to members of the Socialist Party in London: to "return to Poland to fight, together with us, for the interests of the Polish proletariat."

Kwapiński and Arciszewski are the Socialist leaders of the most recently reorganized Polish exile government in London.

Further demands for the transformation of the Liberation Committee into the provisional government of Poland were expressed here this week at a public meeting sponsored by the Municipal Trade Union Council of Lublin.

Nazis Drive 3 Miles Down Italy Coast

Rome, Dec. 28 (UP).—Spearheads of a German offensive plunged three miles through American lines in the Ligurian coastal sector of Italy today, and fighting reached a greater scale than seen on the "forgotten front" since the opening phases of the Gothic line campaign.

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Notables Score British Attack on Greece

The Greek people "want only democracy and independence" and against them the British government "cannot win a victory with guns," 50 prominent Americans declared today in a statement initiated by Rep. John M. Coffee and released here by the Greek American Committee for National Unity.



Rep. Coffee

Frank Gervasi, Collier's war correspondent, who has just returned to this country from Greece joined with Representative Coffee in declaring there was no question of a "Communist dictatorship" in Greece. The only threat of dictatorship in Greece, they said, "is a dictatorship imposed from without against the expressed will of the Greek people."

Others joining in the statement were Nicholas Martini, mayor of Passaic, Katina Paxinou, outstand-

ing Greek actress, Rep. Emanuel Celler and Vito Marcantonio, the Rev. Harold F. Hohly, Mrs. Frank Gervasi, William L. Shirer, Mrs. William L. Shirer, Mrs. Marshall Field, Omar P. Goslin (Ryalls), Ignatius D. Taubenbeck and radio commentators, Estelle M. Sternberger, Stanley Dixon, Johannes Steel and Clifford Evans.

"Who are the people the British armed forces are fighting?" the statement declared. "The men and women of the National Liberation Front who with only small arms, often without food, without shoes, cleared Greece of the enemy so that when the British troops landed they met with almost no resistance and suffered only insignificant casualties."

ESTABLISHED UNITY

The Greek National Liberation Front, continued the statement, "did everything within its power to prevent the present bloodshed. It established a unity so strong that no minority of native fascists, quelling collaborators and reactionaries

could break it from within. Only foreign arms could precipitate the current catastrophe.

"We warmly support the policy enunciated by our State Department in backing the liberated peoples of Europe in their insistence on democratic self-government," the statement concluded.

Labor leaders signing the statement were John Green, president Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, Emil Rieve, president, Textile Workers Union, Reid Robinson, president, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, Michael J. Quill, president, Transport Workers Union, Joseph Selly, president American Communications Association, Abraham Flaxer, president State, County and Municipal Workers, Morris Muster, president United Furniture Workers, Max Perlow, secretary-treasurer UFW, Aaron D. Schneider, executive director United Office and Professional Workers, Local 1, Mike Obermeier, president Local 6, Hotel & Club Employees,

AFL, Irving Potash, manager, Furriers Joint Council.

Others signing the statement were writers Langston Hughes, Leane Zugsmith, Louis Adamic, Howard Fast, John Gassner, Dorothy Brewster, Dorothy Parker, the producer Herman Shumlin, photographer Paul Strand, the artists, Rockwell Kent, Abraham Walkowitz, Max Weber, William Zorach, and Marguerite Zorach.

Also Dirk J. Struik, Joseph Julian, Basil Viavianos, Kermit Bloomgarden, Maurice Becker, Richard Maney, William M. Malisoff, John J. Anthony, Irving Caesar, Libby Holman, and Cecilia Ager.

Greater Use Of V-Mail Urged

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP).—The Office of War Information appealed to the public today to make greater use of V-mail in 1945 to conserve transport space.

Let 'er Roll

By BERTHA LOWITT

Rochester, N. Y.
Our goal in the Press Drive is to obtain 72 new subscriptions. To date we have achieved 49, which is 70 percent of our goal. On renewals, we have 11. We are confident of achieving 100 percent.



This confidence arises from the fact that we planned the organization of the drive three weeks prior to the official opening date on Nov. 26.

Following the discussion of the club executive, we approached personally some 25 people, most of whom are 5x5ers, to be the driving force in accomplishing the 72 subs. These people were impressed with the importance of expanding the press circulation to ever growing circles in Monroe County. This drive was viewed as a major part of our educational and political activities. We had 19 people involved in obtaining the 49 subs to date.

The results in the drive so far prove the correctness of our selective and qualitative approach. Out of the 40 subs, 27 are shop workers from the major industrial plants of the city and 50 percent of the subs from the 3rd Ward which has a predominantly Negro population, and in which we have engaged in some good activities.

Among our star submitters is a young worker in the Kodak plant of the city who has been member of the CPA for exactly two months. He was invited to attend one of our executive committee meetings when we discussed the launching of the Press Drive. He was enthusiastic and volunteered to become a 5x5er. In a further discussion with him on the CPA generally and the present situation, he became so engrossed in the work that he brought in four subscriptions from his own department and promised more.

Another fine experience is that of a young Negro housewife who has four small children. She felt pretty bad that she couldn't devote much time to the work of the CPA—so after a discussion with her she asked me for some sub-blanks—net result, she brought in two Worker subs last week—from some of her neighbors on the block.

Sub Presumed Lost

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP).—The 1,450-ton submarine Seawolf is overdue on Pacific patrol and presumed lost with its crew of at least 62 men, the Navy announced today.

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By SAMUEL PUTNAM

Mike Gold is being honored anew these days down in far-away Brazil. Never forgotten there since his Jews Without Money was published in Portuguese a number of years ago, and where his influence upon social-minded and progressive writers has for long been a ponderable one, he is now becoming, it would seem, a source of fresh inspiration to freedom-loving Brazilians.

Jews Without Money is being brought out in a new edition by the publishing house of Calvino, in Rio de Janeiro. This is being looked upon as a literary event, which indeed it is; for the original edition has for some while been out of print.

WIDELY TRANSLATED NOVEL

I recall the amazement with which I first glanced through the international bibliography of Uncle Tom's Cabin; but in recent years I have been led to wonder if Jews Without Money isn't going to be a pretty close runner-up. I have come upon translations of the latter in French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, and Romanian; I am sure there is one in Russian, and no doubt in one or more of the Scandinavian languages as well. Indeed, I sometimes wonder if Mike himself has any idea how many foreign renderings there are, and if he ever gets any royalties from any of them!

But to come back to Brazil—To

read the pieces which the reviewers down there are writing, you would think they were welcoming home an old and long lost friend. There is a warmly personal, at times even a tearful undertone to their comments. "The Return of a Great Book" was the headline of a notice by the Brazilian critic, Genolino Amado, in one of the leading Rio dailies, O Jornal. This article was reprinted in the militantly anti-fascist little magazine, Diretrizes, which has since been suppressed. I do not think, however, there is any danger that Mike's book will meet the same fate, for there never was a less sectarian one—it is as broad and human as life itself, and there are some books, for example, Don Quixote, that even a Franco has not dared to touch.

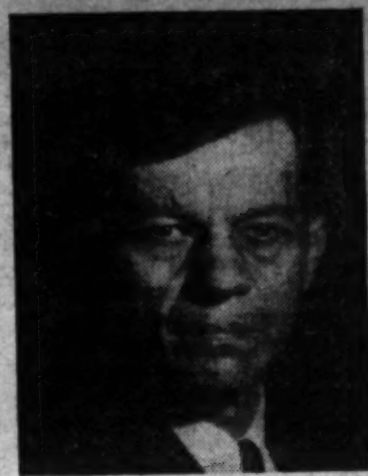
In his article Genolino Amado speaks of Jews Without Money as "that powerful and moving book which goes to redeem present day American literature from the flood of nonsensical 'best sellers'." He speaks of holding the volume in his hand, "its pages now dyed with blood, now wet with tears." And he adds: "What I met with there was the agony of the great modern city . . . that tragicomic paradox which is the life of simple folk amid the complexities of contemporary civilization." The writer goes on to compare Mike's creations to those of the earlier Chaplin.

"Mike Gold," he says, "transforms his own tenement district into an enchanted realm. There are heroes among those East Side lads. In these pages, vagabonds in their rags are clothed in poetry . . . And yet, in this writer, the son of a worker who is almost always unemployed, one finds a hope for living, the certainty that life is worth the living."

BRAZIL'S CULTURAL GROWTH

Amado then proceeds to draw a lesson for Brazilian writers, many of whom come from the backlands to the capital, where, oblivious to the teeming life of the poor about them, they lose themselves in nostalgic dreams of their native provinces and think that they are thereby creating a social literature.

In any event, something is happening in present day Brazil. It has been happening for some time, and, in spite of any attempts that may be made to suppress it, is bound to



MIKE GOLD

continue, for it is too powerful to be put down; it is, in fact, as deep and potent as that vast impulse to human freedom and human dignity that is at this moment making itself felt all over the world. The tribute that is being paid to Mike Gold and his Jews Without Money is but one of the cultural signs. Another is the publication in Rio of the Dean of Canterbury's Soviet Power, which is being given high praise in some of the leading publications. Uncle Tom's Cabin is also brought

out in a new Portuguese edition, while among contemporary importations are Anna Seghers' The Seventh Cross, Carl van Doren's Benjamin Franklin, and Ambassador Davies' Mission to Moscow.

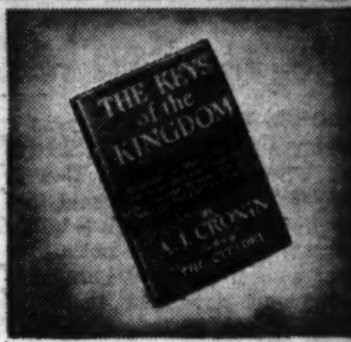
This is not to say, by any means, that all is on the positive side. There are also powerful forces at work on the other side, the side of reaction and intellectual darkness, but they are not the ones that represent the Brazil of Tomorrow. There can be no doubt where the ultimate victory will lie; and we, meanwhile, can be proud of the fact that our own Mike is down there.

Judith Anderson Back From 3rd USO Tour

Judith Anderson, star of stage and screen, has returned with her unit from eight weeks in Panama, completing her third overseas tour under the USO-Camp Shows banner. Miss Anderson, who is the subject of an article entitled Shakespeare on the Jungle Circuit currently appearing in a national magazine has made previous tours of American service bases in Hawaii and the southwest Pacific.

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Late Bulletins

Stettinius to Head U.S. Group at Anti-Axis Parley of Americas

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP).—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr., will head the United States delegation to the forthcoming meeting in Mexico City of "delegates of the United and Associated Nations of the Americas" which, for the first time since 1938, will ignore the Pan-American Union, it was disclosed tonight.

The conference, which takes place Feb. 15, will replace the consultative meeting of American foreign ministers which Argentina has requested through the Pan-American Union to consider problems of the Buenos Aires Government's "international relations."

Neither Argentina nor El Salvador will be invited.

Groundwork for the conference—the first ever planned without prior consultation with the government

boards—will be laid tomorrow at a meeting here of State Department officials and ambassadors of friendly Latin-American nations.

The Mexico City meeting will not be of the usual consultative type but rather a special conference of anti-Axis nations in this hemisphere.

High on the agenda will be requests for revisions in the Dumbarton Oaks plan for world security and matters of postwar economic cooperation.

Stettinius plans to take with him Assistant Secretary of State Nelson Rockefeller, Arva Warren, Chief of the Office of American Republics; Special Assistant Secretary Leo Pasvolsky, and other experts.

Mexican Foreign Minister Esequiel Padilla is expected to be named chairman.

Relief of Bastogne Is Just An Interruption to Defenders

By ROBERT RICHARDS

WITH AMERICAN FORCES ON THE WESTERN FRONT, Dec. 27 (Delayed) (UP).—They said they knew their business, which is killing Germans, and they were not a little peeved at somebody else hornning in on the nine-day fight they had waged against encircling German forces who wanted Bastogne and didn't get it.

When their ammunition ran low, they just shot a little straighter.

That was what they said, the American infantrymen who held the highway town of Bastogne, after American armor broke into the city about 5:10 p.m. yesterday in a relief dash which culminated one of the most daring armored thrusts of the war. They admitted they were glad to see the tanks.

"We didn't have too much trouble with these Jerries," added Cpl. Thomas Mulligan, 23, Detroit. "Hell, our outfit knocked out 105 of their vehicles the first two days of action and we would have banged a lot more, but our ammunition got so

short toward the end we quit firing on the convoys, saving it for the Krauts."

"Yessir, I figure if they leave them Krauts around here much longer, there won't be too many left," said Pvt. Joseph Kelly, 26, Jersey City.

The Germans encircling Bastogne were fooled completely by one of the most daring armored thrusts of this war.

Yesterday afternoon, American tanks pulled up outside the tiny village of Assenois, two miles south of Bastogne. The commanders, including Lt. Col. George I. Jacques, 34, Worcester, Mass., put their heads together and decided to bust through to Bastogne.

So they slammed straight down the highway, shooting as they went. The first wave caught the enemy unprepared and rolled through unscathed. German mines and bazookas got several tanks and half-tracks after the enemy recovered, but they failed to halt the attack.

Fighting was still raging today in the woods along the entry highway.

'Stars, Stripes' Warns of Splits

LONDON, Dec. 28 (UP).—The London edition of the Stars and Stripes, U. S. army newspaper, in a strong editorial today urged the United Nations to quit bickering, "listen to the dead" and close ranks against the common enemy.

"For the holy, living love of God let's listen to the dead," the editorial urged. "Let's learn from the living. Let's join ranks against the foe and toward the future."

"Only yesterday lots of folks—front line sloggers excepted—had the war in the bag. It was all over but the shouting. Of shouting there was plenty . . . Unity and solidarity—strong when the United Nations were weak—were in a bad way."

"Well, the bugles of battle are heard again above the bickering. The enemy lashes out in a last bloody bid for victory. Once more the warning sounds—Germany, the Nazis and fascism are the enemy. Not the Poles versus the Russians. Not the British versus the Greeks.

Not the State Department versus the Foreign Office. Not the British Commonwealth versus communism.

"But all of us who believe in the dignity of the common man—against Germany, Germany, which in this, its last great struggle, hurls the challenge: United Nations, remain united or die apart."

Tokyo Reports New Superfort Raid

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (UP).—American superfortresses scored at least 12 direct hits on Tokyo's great Musashino aircraft factory in their attack yesterday, reports from Saipan said today, and enemy broadcasts said that superfortresses had attacked the capital area again today.

Brig. Gen. Haywood S. Hansel, Jr., commanding the Saipan-based 21st Superfortress Bomber Command, gave no estimate of the damage done in yesterday's attack.

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Queens County CPA leaders proudly point to the record showing how they went over the top in The Worker subscription drive, while Earl Browder looks on. Emmanuel Blum, County CPA president, is shown pointing to the figure 1,142, which was outdated a few minutes later when Fay Vedro, county secretary, announced that 63 new subs had just been brought in. Paul Crosbie, Queens County vice-president is on the far right. [Other photo and story on Page 4.] —Daily Worker Photo

The Veteran Commander

MERCURIAL GLOOM AND ELATION

THE treatment of the news from the front by the bulk of our press reflects the lack of balance in our emotions and reactions. We are inclined to jump from the depths of gloom to the pinnacles of elation, and then back again at the slightest provocation. We really seem to be an infant nation in a way. Of course an infant can always learn.

After days of gloom in regard to the German counter-offensive (we still insist on the prefix "counter"), gloom which was not borne out by the general strategic pattern of things, we are jumping all over the place because "the base of the German salient has been narrowed to 20 miles." Unfortunately, we fail to see much cause for such elation.

The base has been narrowed in a technical sense and map and compass show that this is so. But this was achieved by a narrow salient (five miles wide) pushed in by Patton from the south to the relief of the heroic surrounded garrison of Bastogne. Such a salient, having achieved its strictly tactical purpose of supplying or withdrawing the beleaguered two divisions may easily be cancelled by German counter-attacks. It is too early to say that the German salient is being cut off. This is not the case.

On the other hand such critical bursts as the senile pronouncement of General Payton C. March are helpful only to the enemy. The General on his 80th birthday does not like the way the war is run. But then let us not forget that 20 years ago he wrote (we think—in the Hearst press which is a disgrace for a general) articles panning General Pershing. He is just as vicious today, only much worse for wear.

The situation as of Tuesday is this: the German spearhead at Celles and

Ciney has been blunted and pushed back. The northern face of the bulge is being contained and even pushed back in spots and the danger to Namur and Liege has not increased.

On the southern face of the bulge, as indicated above, our garrison at Bastogne has been relieved and this success, if exploited, will make the position of the German southern flank at the base of the bulge much less secure. This flank is being attacked by General Patton from the German border at Echternach to the Bastogne indentation (on a front of about 40 miles).

Thus the German flanks are being contained—and this is the main thing for the present, at least until our counter measures on a strategic scale develop. We must all remember that the choice of the precise moment for the big counter-blow against the enemy is not only a matter of military science but of military "flair" on the part of the commander-in-chief. Nobody can determine this moment except the man who has all the information at hand and who sees the picture as a whole. Thus all this prompting and kibitzing by isolationist columnists and octogenarian generals is useless and silly, at best. Please, gentlemen, leave Eisenhower alone! He has so much to do without having to listen to your drivel!

MARSHALS Tolbukhin and Malinovsky, crossing the two branches of the Danube north of Budapest have met on the island of St. Andrew and have cut the encircled enemy in two. One group is encircled in Budapest itself and fighting back desperately from every house. The other group is cornered in the bend of the Danube in the Estergom-Vacz-Buda triangle. Leaving the capture of Budapest to special shock troops, Malinovsky and Tolbukhin are apparently ready to advance on Bratislava on both sides of the Danube, with Komarno their first major objective (Komarno is the central bastion of the Vag-Danube-Raba line covering Bratislava and Wiener-Neustadt; beyond lies the Morava-Danube-Leita line covering Vienna and anchored in the center of Bratislava).

A JAPANESE task force consisting of one battleship, one heavy cruiser and six destroyers were routed on its way to attack our troops on Mindoro. Three destroyers were sunk and the two big ships heavily damaged.

